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SUBJ: CAIRO PRESS NOTES

1. SADAT'S ADDRESS TO ASU CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND PEOPLE'S
ASSEMBLY AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF IMPENDING GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION
ARE BANNERED BY ALL PAPERS MARCH 26. SADAT WILL ADDRESS JOINT
MEETING, WHICH WILL INCLUDE VP'S PRIME MINISTER AND DEPUTY
PREMIERS, CABINET MEMBERS AND GOVERNORS, AT 1100 LOCAL TIME.
MEETING WILL BE CLOSED; BUT PRESS STATES THAT "COMPLETE
ANNOUNCEMENT" ABOUT DETAILS OF MEETING WILL BE BROADCAST AT
2100 LOCAL TIME THIS EVENING. IN ANTICIPATION OF MEETING,
PRESS STATES THAT SADAT WILL REVIEW "REQUIREMENTS OF REORGANIZING
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ORGANIZATIONS" (COMMENT: IMPLYING THAT EXPECTED GOVERNMENTAL CHANGES MAY AFFECT ASU AND PEOPLE' S ASSEMBLY, AS WELL AS CABINET.)

2. MARCH 26 PAPERS NOTE WITHOUT COMMENT, BUT WITH HIGHLY UNUSUAL PHOTOGRAPH ON PAGE ONE OF AHAM, THAT SADAT MET WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR VINOGRADOV MARCH 25.

3. MARCH 25 AHAM REPORTS, WITHOUT SOURCING, THAT CRISIS BETWEEN SUDAN AND PALESTINIANS HAS BEEN SETTLED. AHAM STATES THAT NIMAIRI HAS SENT NOTE TO ARAFAT STATING SUDAN' S " FULL SUPPORT AND AID" TO PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE; AND REPORTEDLY PLO CAIRO REPRESENTATIVE JAMAL SOURANI RETURNED TO CAIRO FROM BEIRUT MARCH 14 WITH ANNOUNCEMENT THAT " AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED TO LIQUIDATE THE AFTERMATH OF THE CRISIS." SOURANI STATED THAT PALESTINIAN DELEGATION TO SUDAN HAD ASSURED SUDANESE GOVERNMENT THAT PLO AND RESISTANCE GROUPS, PARTICULARLY FATAH, HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH KHARTOUM INCIDENT, AND THAT " AN INVESTIGATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITH PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK." SOURANI SAID THAT PLO OFFICE IN KHARTOUM IS FUNCTIONING NORMALLY UNDER ABU HIJLA. CONCERNING FATE OF BSO MEMBERS IN HANDS OF GOS, SOURANI SAID THAT THIS IS QUESTION FOR SUDANESE JUSTICE TO DECIDE.

4. PEOPLE' S ASSEMBLY STATEMENT ON US/ ISRAELI PHANTOM DEAL. MARCH 26 PRESS REPORTS THAT PA HAS ISSUED STATEMENT ON PHANTOM DEAL, CALLING ON WORLD PARLIAMENTS TO URGE THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO EXERT ALL POSSIBLE PRESSURE TO HALT US SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL, SINCE THIS IS MENACE TO WORLD PEACE AND ESCALATION OF ME CONFLICT. STATEMENT REJECTED AS " MISLEADING AND FALSE" THE US INTERPRETATION OF NEW DEAL AS BEING AIMED AT MAINTAINING MILITARY BALANCE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARAB COUNTRIES, AND INCREASING ISRAELI FLEXIBILITY IN SEARCH FOR SETTLEMENT. STATE ADDED THAT PA REGARDS " STATEMENTS BY US SECRETARY OF STATE" JUSTIFYING THE DEAL AS NEW DEVELOPMENT IN US/ ISRAEL RELATIONSHIP WHICH MAKES US A PARTY DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN CONFLICT. STATEMENT CALLED UPON ARAB PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE UNIFIED ACTION TO FOIL IMPERIALIST ZIONIST PLANS IN ARAB WORLD. (COMMENT: MARCH 15 AHAM CARRIED STORY UNNAMED USG SOURCES TO EFFECT, THAT ONE US " MOTIVE" FOR ALLEGED ARMS DEAL WAS TO CREATE GREATER ISRAELI FLEXIBILITY).

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5. ARAB LEAGUE SEC GEN MAHMOUD RIAD RETURNS TO CAIRO MARCH 26
TO PREPARE REPORT ON IRAQI/ KUWAITI BORDER CONFLICT FOR ARAB
LEAGUE COUNCIL, SCHEDULED CONVENE MARCH 31. IRAQI/ KUWAITI
CONFLICT CONTINUES TO OCCUPY MAJOR SPACE IN ALL PAPERS,
WHICH REPORT VARIOUS CONTACTS WHICH SADAT' S ENVOY, GHALIB,
HAS HAD. EGYPTIAN FONMIN ZAYYAT IS REPORTED TO BE EXPECTED
IN DAMASCUS MARCH 26, AND IS NOT NOW SCHEDULED TO GO TO
EITHER BAGHDAD OR KUWAIT.
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